EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) The All India Management Association organised a set of innovative state-of-the-art management seminars in the first week of December, 1994 in 13 cities all over the country with the objectives to disseminate knowledge on issues in management on the topics, namely, managing computer security, business process re-engineering etc. The Govt. has not received the suggestions made at these Seminars. The question of taking any action thereon does not arise.

Functioning of A.S.I.

2828. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the functioning of the Archaeological Survey of India has been affected adversely since sometime past due to the absence of cohesion among the top officials that led to intervention of Government by way of replacing the earlier Director General with a new incumbent;

(b) if so, the reasons for premature replacement of the Director General;

(c) the measures taken, if any to ensure smooth working of the Archaeological Survey of India;

(d) whether it is a fact that ASI has to host the World Archaeological Congress in new Delhi this year for the first time; and

(e) if so, the details of measures taken to enable the ASI to play appropriate role towards holding of the Congress fruitfully?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) The Question deals with two distinct issues namely the post of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India and holding of the World Archaeological Congress. So far as the post of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India is concerned this post has been lying vacant after the retirement of the last incumbent on 31st March, 1993. No officer of the Archaeological Survey of India was found eligible for promotion as per the then Recruitment Rules. The post was advertised and also circulated to all the State Governments and Central Departments. A Search Committee was also constituted and applications received were forwarded to UPSC. Since the pay scale of the post of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India had been revised after the 4th Pay Commission and since the Recruitment Rules were of earlier years, the UPSC decided that the Recruitment Rules will have to be amended and that pending amendment the mode of recruitment may be settled with the Commission. In view of this decision of the Commission no Recruitment Rules deem to exist. The Government in the interregnum directed the Additional Director General (Admn.) to look after the current charge of the duties of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India. The approval of the Commission for the new mode of recruitment has been obtained under which the qualifications and years of experience have been revised to cover a large number of instituions and persons with higher qualifications. The post has also now been advertised as per the new mode of recruitment as approved by the Union Public Service Commission. As soon as the recommendation of UPSC is received for the appointment of an eligible candidate, the post will be filled with the approval of Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

To ensure proper coordination and control, the Government have now entrusted the work of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India to Secretary, Culture.

The World Archaeological Congress-2 was held for the first time in India. The Government of India have given the organisers of the Congress adequate financial support. Many officers of the Archaeological Survey of India were members of the various Committees of the Congress and were also presented theme papers during the Congress.

Representation by Publishers Maps and Charts

2829. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Map and Chart Publishers Association, Delhi has submitted a Memorandum to Government regarding a number of problems being faced by them; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No such Memorandum has been received in the recent past.

(b) Does not arise.

Invitation Cards for World Archaeological Congress

*2830. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances under which 3,000 invitation cards for the World